National Savings Organisation

†3903. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the National Savings Organisation was constituted and the purpose for constituting this Organisation;

(b) the year-wise administrative expenditure incurred by Government in respect of National Savings Orgainsation; and

(c) the year-wise and department-wise gross and net deposits of National Savings Organisation since its constitution till 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHAB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) National Saving Organisation (NSO) was constituted in 1948 with the objective of inculcating the habit of thrift and savings among the masses and for promoting small savings schemes of the Government of India.

(b) Administrative expenditure of NSO during the last 3 years was as under :

1997-98	:	Rs. 13.27 Crore
1998-99	:	Rs. 15.32 Crore
1999-2000	:	Rs. 17.29 Crore

(c) NSO is responsible for the promotion of small savings schemes of the Government of India but does not receive any deposit from the public. Therefore, the question of year-wise and department-wise gross and net deposits of NSO does not arise.

Repayment of NABARD loan by Rajasthan Government

3904. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to Rajasthan to face drought and relief work ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 150 crore loan taken by State from NABARD is to be paid by the State Government; and

(c) the details of additional help given to the State by Government?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that loan of about Rs. 147.70 crore has been sanctioned to Government of Rajasthan under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) VI to face the drought and relief works as under :

Rs. Lakhs

S. No.	Purpose	No. of projects	Amount
1.	Rural Roads (Gravel Roads)	1324	9237.97
2.	School Buildings	2214	3609.07
3.	Water Harvesting Structures	2101	1922.55
	TOTAL	5639	14769.59

(b) The loan availed by the State Government of Rajasthan under RIDF is to be repaid as per the repayment schedule drawn by NABARD at the time of disbursement of loan. Repayment period of seven years (including two years grace) is allowed for these projects sanctioned under RIDF-VI. Each drawal is considered as a loan. The first repayment would commence in the year 2002-2003.

(c) NABARD also provides assistance to State Governments by means of conversion of short term loans to medium term loans in case of natural calamities. The conversions extended to the cooperative credit institutions in Rajasthan for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is indicated below :

(Rs. Crore)

Purpose	year	Limit	Maximum Outstanding
State Co-operative Banks			
Medium Term	1999-2000	33.80	12.69
	2000-2001	65.00	58.00
Long Term	1999-2000	0.52	0.52
	2000-2001	0.00	0.00